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SUBJ: PROPAGANDIST COMMENTS ON MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

1. A LENINGRAD PUBLIC LECTURER BRIEFLY COMMENTED ON MIDDLE EAST SITUATION IN RESPONSES TO AUDIENCE QUESTIONS AT SUNDAY, MARCH 30, PROPAGANDA PRESENTATION.

2. PROPAGANDIST SAID THE US HAD BEEN AGAINST GENEVA CONFERENCE AND WANTED INSTEAD TO PURSUE BILATERAL DIPLOMACY. ISRAEL HAD NOT REALLY WANTED TO GIVE UP ANYTHING, BUT WAS PREPARED TO RETURN SOME AREAS ONLY IN RETURN FOR EGYPTIAN GUARANTEES. PROPAGANDIST SAID THAT SADAT HAD WAVERED IN THE PAST, BUT WELL UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS WAS ATTEMPT TO DECEIVE HIM. AMERICANS SAID NOW TO BE RE-EXAMINING THEIR POLICY IN MIDDLE EAST. PROPAGANDIST SAID IT NOW CLEAR TO ENTIRE WORLD THAT ONLY GENEVA CONFERENCE CAN DEAL WITH MIDDLE EAST SITUATION.

3. COMMENTING ON ASSASSINATION OF KING FAISAL,
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PROPAGANDIST SAID FAISAL WAS CONSIDERED "MOST DANGEROUS"

BY THOSE WANTING GREATER PROFITS FOR THE OIL MONOPOLY.
ALTHOUGH SOME SAY THAT HIS NEPHEW ASSASSIN WAS "CRAZY,"
THERE ARE THOSE WHO BELIEVE HE WAS "MORE CUNNING THAN
CRAZY." PROPAGANDIST CONCLUDED HIS COMMENTS BY NOTING
ENIGMATICALLY THAT IT NOT NECESSARILY TRUE THAT FAISAL
WAS PRO-AMERICAN. ALTHOUGH PROPAGANDIST DID NOT POINT
TO ANY US INVOLVEMENT, HE NOTED THAT THERE ARE MANY
COMPLICATED FACTORS TO SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST AND
CRISIS THERE.
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